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SUBJECT:FRENCH PROPOSED NOTE 9 FORMAT - IL 1565

REFS: (A) COCOM DOC.PROC(76)WPI, (B) OECD PARIS 19199

1) WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE USE OF THE FRENCH-PROPOSED
FORMAT FOR NOTE 9 (REF A). WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE
COMMITTEE MIGHT FIND THE INSERTION OF ANOTHER COLUMN GIVING
A SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE PARAMETERS, -- SUCH AS APPEARING
IN THE US NOTE 9/NOTE 12 COMPARISON TABLE ACCOMPANYING US
CASES, -- BENEFICIAL AS A MEANS OF A READY REFERNECE
NEGATING THE NECESSITY OF TURNING TO THE NOTE 9 DEFINITION
ON EACH OCCASSION TO DETERMINE WHAT, FOR EXAMPLE, 4(V)(D)
IS. WE HAVE FOUND SUCH A DESCRIPTION USEFUL IN OUR
INTERNAL PROCEDURES AND WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE USING IT
WITH US NOTE 9 SUBMISSIONS SO AS TO EASE US ADMINISTRATIVE
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BURDENS. EXAMPLES OF THIS MARRIAGE BETWEEN THE FRENCH AND

US TABLES, THEN, WOULD READ:

NO: (D) DESCRIPTION TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF
CHARACTERISTICS SUPPLIED EQUIP.

1 1 CPU BUS RATE... 45 M/BITS SEC

9 4(IV)(C) TAPE WIDTH 1/2 INCH

15 6(I)REMOTE 4,800 BITS/SEC
TERMINAL DEVICES

2) THE WASHINGTON AGENCIES REVIEWING COMPUTER CASES ARE NOW FAMILIAR WITH OUR COMPARISON TABLE AND A SWITCH TO ANOTHER FORMAT COULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IN TERMS OF DELAYS AND CONFUSION. THE USE OF THE CURRENT US TABLE FOR INTERNAL PURPOSES AND THE FRENCH FORMAT FOR COCOM PURPOSES WOULD ALSO INCREASE THE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS INVOLVED IN PREPARING THE CASE FOR COCOM SUBMISSION. IF THE FRENCH INSIST, AS INDICATED IN PARA 2 OF REF B, ON ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR FORMAT, YOU SHOULD SUGGEST THAT THEY JUST IGNORE THE DESCRIPTION COLUMN. IF, HOWEVER, THE FRENCH ARE ADAMENT AND THE REST OF THE COMMITTEE OPPOSES THE ADDED COLUMN, THEN, IN THE SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE, YOU CAN ACCEPT THE USE OF THE FRENCH FORMAT BY ALL, INCLUDING THE US. YOUR PRESENTATION OF THE US PREFERENCE SHOULD BE IN LOW KEY; WE BELIEVE THIS ISSUE IS NOT WORTH A BATTLE.

3) WE WOULD LIKE CLARIFICATION HOWEVER, OF THE PHRASE "(IN THE COMPUTER OPERATING AREA)" APPEARING ON PAGE 2 OF REF A. WE ASSUME THAT THIS SHOULD APPEAR ON LINE 17 AND THAT THE ANSWER TO APPEAR UNDER THE "CHARACTERISTICS OF EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED" COLUMN OF LINE 17 WOULD BE EITHER "YES" OR "NO". KISSINGER

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